

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for packaging fruits or vegetables, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) selecting a reusable plastic food storage container having a top container surface and a bottom container surface, and a reusable lid for the container having a top lid surface and a bottom lid surface, the bottom lid surface being shaped to interconnect with the top container surface, and the top lid surface not being shaped to interconnect with the bottom container surface;
 - (a b) placing fruits or vegetables in a the container suitable for reuse as a food storage container, the container having a perimetricaly extending top mating surface and a bottom surface;
 - (b c) placing the container on top of a the reusable lid for the container, the lid having a bottom mating surface shaped to interconnect with the top mating surface of the container and a top surface having a generally flat central portion sized to receive the bottom surface of the container;
 - (e d) overwrapping the container and the lid with a sheet of flexible material sized to extend under and cover the bottom of the lid surface, the material being suitable to display the fruits or vegetables and to allow gases generated thereby to escape from the container;
 - (d e) folding the sheet underneath the bottom lid surface such that edge portions thereof overlap; and
 - (e f) coupling the overlapping portions together so as to secure the lid against the container during handling and display.
2. (original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the material comprises a breathable plastic film.
3. (original) The method defined in claim 2, wherein the overlapping portions of the film are heat sealed together.

4. (original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the container and lid comprise a commercially available reusable plastic food storage container and lid.
5. (previously amended) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the top mating container surface of the container comprises a ridge and the bottom mating lid surface of the lid comprises a groove.
6. (currently amended) A method for packaging fruits or vegetables, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) placing the fruits or vegetables in a container suitable for reuse as a food storage container, the container having a top mating container surface and a bottom container surface;
 - (b) placing the container on top of a reusable lid for the container, the lid having a bottom mating lid surface and top lid surface, the bottom lid surface being shaped to interconnect with the top mating container surface, of the container and a the top lid surface having a generally flat central portion sized to receive not being shaped to interconnect with the bottom surface of the container surface;
 - (c) surrounding the container and the lid with a layer of flexible material sized to extend under and cover the bottom of the lid surface, the material being suitable to display the fruits or vegetables and to allow gases generated thereby to escape from the container;
 - (d) coupling open portions of the layer together so as to secure the lid against the container during handling and display.
7. (previously amended) The method defined in claim 6, wherein the material comprises a breathable plastic film.
8. (previously amended) The method defined in claim 7, wherein the open portions of the layer are sealed together.
9. (previously amended) The method defined in claim 6, wherein the container and lid comprise a commercially available reusable plastic food storage container and lid.
10. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 6, wherein the top mating container surface of the container comprises a ridge and the bottom mating lid surface of the lid comprises a groove.